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Letter dated 24 March 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to you respectfully to request that the attached statement by the United States of America regarding the financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique be circulated as a document of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 149.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the Secretariat for taking steps to comply with the spirit and letter of Security Council resolution 898 (1994) of 23 February 1994 regarding the United Nations Operation in Mozambique. We appreciate your efforts in this regard.

(Signed) Edward S. WALKER
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Statement by the United States of America regarding the budget of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

The United States of America is pleased that the resolutions of both the Security Council and the General Assembly reflect the importance that the States Members of the United Nations place on appropriate containment of the costs of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (ONUMOZ) without prejudice to the effective implementation of the mission.

We are optimistic about the prospects for a successful conclusion of the operation in Mozambique, but the next few months will be critical, and my Government wants ONUMOZ to be in a position to react to events appropriately and quickly.

It is the view of my Government that the officials responsible for the management of ONUMOZ should have full spending flexibility within the present budgetary limitations and in accordance with the guidance contained in the resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly.

We believe that such direction will in no way weaken the clear message that the General Assembly and Security Council are sending, and that the United States Government strongly supports, concerning cost containment in ONUMOZ.